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Board of Supervisors Adopt Resolution on Court Funding

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution regarding the issue of inequitable funding of our court system at today's Board meeting.

On February 19th, the Board discussed issues of inadequate funding and closures of courts in our County. Testimony was given by court officials as well as Mayors Bill Holland (Hesperia), Julie McIntyre (Barstow), and Jay Obernolte (Big Bear) regarding the inequitable funding and understaffing of our courts. In addition to these remarks, representatives from the District Attorney's office, the Probation Department, the Public Defender's office, and the Sheriff's Department provided information on operational changes and mitigation efforts by public safety officials in response to court closures. Following this discussion, the Board directed the County Chief Executive Officer to prepare an item for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Today, the Board voted on that item. The Board adopted a resolution of support for efforts to work with the State Legislature, cities, and other stakeholders to secure equitable funding that is consistent with our court's workload in order to ensure that residents continue to have unobstructed access to justice.

Supervisor Ramos stated he believes "this is a great step forward for the County. The vote by the Board today showed our commitment to advocating for equitable funding of our court system. It is vital all residents of San Bernardino County have equal access to the justice system."

A copy of this resolution can be found on today's Board agenda, under item 26. The agenda can be accessed at http://www.sbcounty.gov/main/bos.asp.